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1. "A trade treaty has been concluded between Argentina and the USSR which, among other items, calls for 9,000 tons of carbon black to be shipped from the USSR to Argentina. However, a copy of this trade agreement has not yet been seen.
2. "We do not know at the moment the exact significance of this item of the treaty. For quite a time we understood there was a shortage of carbon black in the Soviet Bloc based on their frequent and often ingenious efforts to obtain carbon black from the US by indirection. During the past 18 months these efforts seem to have disappeared which would lead one to believe that they had acquired an adequate supply for their needs. If the present trade treaty is to be taken at its face value, it would seem that they had a supply in excess of their needs.
3. "If this is true, we would imagine that consumers of carbon black in Argentina in the next month or two will be receiving substantial samples for trial purposes."

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